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Tony Summers' book: reviews, interviews, etc.:

183. 8 Jun 80 Cincinnati Enquirer; by O. Findsen, "Entertainment Reporter" Quite favorable; not particularly well informed.
184. 15 Jun 80 Star-Ledger [?], by Roger Harris. Very favorable.
185. 15 Jun 80 John Barkham Reviews [2 pp.] Quite favorable.
186. 15 Jun 80 Library Journal. A SUNY political scientist says the book "makes for ... the realization that things are not always what they seem." Wowie!
✓** 187. 16 Jun 80 "Today" Show [13 pp.] Tom Brokaw, Summers, David Phillips.
✓*** EARLIER 188. 20 Jun 80 "Panorama" [18 pp.] Summers, Phillips, and Blakey.
189. 22 Jun 80 Houston Chronicle; favorable (and not very interesting, like most of the favorable reviews).
190. 23 Jun 80 NYT; large B. Dalton's ad for the book; quotes favorable comments by Blakey, MacNeil, Mailer, Hacker, and Barkham.
191. 28 Jun 80 NY Post; excessively favorable: "Now it is clear that the official cover-up ... makes Watergate seem like a choirboy's fibbing."
192. 29 Jun 80 Atlanta Constitution; "For British Author, Kennedy Murder Isn't Closed." Photo, a few comments by Tony.
✓* 193. 29 Jun 80 Atlanta Constitution [2 pp.] Review by Seth Kantor. Basically favorable; Kantor particularly agrees with Summers on the failure of the press. Kantor alleges a couple of errors right at the start of the book. One is at most ambiguous: Kantor notes that Texas didn't vote for Nixon in 1960, but the text appears to be intended as a reference to the vote in Dallas. The other alleged error - Mayor Cabell's sympathy to the Birchers - comes directly from Summers' cited source, Manchester.
✓* 194. 1 Jul 80 Village Voice [3 pp.] Eliot Fremont-Smith credits this book with overcoming his resistance to conspiracy interpretations. He is now very upset about press and government failure to pursue the matter. Smith may be a silly person, as I thought when he dumped on Dave Martin's book, as discussed earlier (#164); I still think he is a silly person, but I guess he's our silly person now, and I also don't think much of his writing style, which uses, in my opinion, too many commas, really. He also has a funny version of the 'best evidence' doctrine: "Technology, I maintain, can only raise possibilities and likelihoods, not establish irrefutable truth [about 11/22]. Which leaves circumstantial evidence." Doesn't anyone out there understand the acoustical analysis?
195. 6 Jul 80 LA Times [2 pp.] Positive review by Robert Kirsch; he repeats Tony's favorable opinion of Ferrell, Meagher, Hoch, Golz et al.
✓*** 196. 8 Jul 80 MacNeil/Lehrer Report [Transcript ordered (from WNET/13, Box 345, NY 10101, $2); will be about 5 pages.] Summers and Blakey. Very interesting. For now, I'll just note that Blakey looked distinctly uncomfortable, although he and Tony were trying to agree with each other as much as possible. After I've looked at the transcript, I'll probably have some comments on such things as Blakey's remarks about possible KGB and DGI involvement. Or maybe I'll just wait for the book.
197. 11 Jul 80 SF Chronicle [3 pp.] Full-page Waldenbooks ad: "Summer fun, some are serious." Summers' book is one of 12 pictured; most are novels. "Should not be missed by those who believe conspiracy is a part of American life." (Two points for the unintended double pun.)
198. August 1980 Cosmopolitan. "For true-life skulduggery, the summer's outstanding account is Conspiracy.... don't miss this brilliant book."

[Thanks for the above to Tony (and McGraw Hill) for #183-6, 188-9, 191-5, 198; Mary Ferrell for #187, and Pat Lambert for #195.]

Note: I also have tapes of #187 and 188.

On the whole, the favorable reviews aren't that informative. If anyone sees comments from Belin and his friends, let me know.

Other clippings:

199. 24 Sep 79 In an oral history tape at the JFK library, John Barlow Martin said that RFK said that JFK favored McNamara over LBJ if they were both available as candidates in 1968. [LA Times]

200. May 1980 Mother Jones [5 pp.] "Seducing the Left: The Third Party That Wants You;" inside dirt on the Libertarians, by Mark Paul, an ex-editor of Inquiry.

[#201-205 are in the June 22 issue of "The Continuing Inquiry"]

*** 201. "The Invisible Man," by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ritchie. Notes the references, in the report of the HSC's firearms panel, to the HSC affidavit of Nathan Burgess Pool, who says he and Tomlinson found CE 399, and that Tomlinson gave it to a SS agent at the door. What's all this, then? Where did this story come from; did the HSC check it out? Strange. And a good reminder of how much there is in the HSC volumes (to say nothing of their files). [2 pp.] [Ref.: 7 HSC 356]

** 202. 24 Jun 80 DMN article on death of Chief Curry

** 203. "You're Left, You're Right, You're Left" [2 pp.] Gary Mack documents the confusion in the record on whether the only two lateral X-rays of JFK's head are from the left or right side. I can't follow the details of his argument that both are left lateral, and I'm not sure how important that is for X-rays - how well can you see the far side? But the confusion in the record is real, and odd.

** 204. "He Expired? He Died" [2 pp.] An appreciation of Chief Curry, by Gary Mack.

205. 13 Jun 80 Ft. Worth Star-Telegram; "Appeals Court has denied [Eddowes] Oswald autopsy rehearing"

206. 24 Jun 80 NYT and WP obituaries for Curry (both AP) [1 p.]

* 207. 24 Jun 80 WP (UPI); "Brother of Assassin of Dr. King [John Larry Ray] Seized as [Liberty] Bank Robbery Suspect." He was spotted - coincidentally - by Conrad Baetz, Deputy Sheriff and former HSC investigator!

208. 26 Jun 80 WP; Ostrow (LAT) on current FBI practices in use of polygraphs.

209. 29 Jun 80 LAT; large B. Dalton's ad for Don Freed's novel, "The Spymaster." ("The assassination of JFK ... the Bay of Pigs ... wherever secret America's world operated, you could find 'The Spymaster'.")

✓ *** 210. 1 Jul 80 Zodiac; Blakey says Justice Dept. is dragging its heels. "[T]hey are postponing the acoustics analysis as long as possible because they know how it's going to come out - that there were two shooters." Blakey says that the tape has not yet been turned over to experts for an independent analysis.

** 211. 3 Jul 80 WP (Maxine Cheshire) "I. Irving Davidson and the Oman Connection." What was Marcello's alleged co-conspirator (in Brilab) doing talking to someone at the National Security Council? (Explained in this story.) What does it all mean? (Ask Peter Scott.)

212. 6 Jul 80 LAT; review of Harris Wofford's book, "Of Kennedys and Kings." Notes Wofford's speculation that RFK feared his anti-Castro efforts had backfired.

✓ *** 213. 7 Jul 80 Zodiac; JD denies it is dragging its heels (see #210); admits procedure for acoustical analysis has not been worked out; spokesman Dean St. Dennis "refuses to speculate as to when the tests will be done."

*** 214. 16 Jul 80 Jack Anderson (in SFC) on the Defense Department lawyer who dealt with the HSC. This is typical Jack Anderson gutter gossip, but I enjoyed it, so you may as well see the whole thing:

DRAGON DE-FANGED: When Charles Duncan left the Pentagon to take over the Department of Energy, he took his general counsel, Deanne Siemer, with him. The move was greeted with sighs of relief by many a general and admiral at the Pentagon, where Siemer had earned the nickname "Dragon Lady" because of her short temper and authoritarian manner.

Sources at DOE say that Siemer practically runs the agency as Duncan's special assistant, and has lived up to her sobriquet.

Nothing, apparently, is too small to escape Siemer's attention. For example, she ordered the public affairs office to stop reprinting editorial cartoons about the agency in its daily news summary.

Recently, however, Siemer got in hot water with her boss when her stepson, Jonathan Willens, took a summer job with a consulting firm that does work for DOE. When Duncan heard about it, he reportedly hit the roof. He ordered that Willens quit, which the young man did.

Yes, that's Willens as in Howard. It has previously been rumored that she was less than totally cooperative, for example initially declining to lift the Navy's orders that the autopsy personnel not talk. She was also reported - how do you say it politely - to have removed certain portions of Blakey's anatomy in a hostile manner.

** 215. 17 Jul 80 Raleigh News & Observer [2 pp.] By Pat Stith: "Oswald may have tried to call Raleigh man from Dallas jail." The headline on the continuation pretty well sums up the story: "Oswald call still mystery." Nothing really new from John Hurt; Blakey says "it was a disturbing story without a conclusion;" Preyer hadn't heard of it. Stith talked to a lot of the people involved; his sources included information from the unpublished HSC report on this incident, and researcher J. G. Harris of New York. Stith's interest was presumably prompted by the Summers book.

* 216. 19 Jul 80 New Republic [2 pp.] Review by Garry Wills of Harris Wofford's book, "Of Kennedys and Kings: Making Sense of the Sixties." Provocative. Useful material for the ongoing debate some of us are having on how good the good guys were. Wills says that Wofford thinks RFK held back from the 1968 campaign because he feared that LBJ would use what he had learned about the Kennedy administration's anti-Castro plots.

217. 21 Jul 80 Newsweek; "A CIA Spy in the Kremlin" (by Dave Martin). About "Trianon," alleged [double?] agent-in-place; disinfo against Henry K, etc.

218. 26 Jul 80 Nation [3 pp.] "Public TV's CIA Show," by John Friedman. The odd connections and background of the Smith Richardson Foundation, sponsor in part of the forthcoming program for PBS, "Night Watch at Langley." (The article doesn't say, but this sounds like the David Phillips - Gordon McLendon show we heard about some time ago.)

[Thanks for the above to Pat Lambert (#199, 212), Jeff Goldberg (206-7, 210-1, 213), and Mike Ewing (208,211). By the way: I usually give credit for all clippings sent to me, so if anyone doesn't want to be listed, please let me know.]

Where are they now? Well, Earwigs [a Washington-insider reference], our old friends are in the news a lot these days.... Ex-HSC honcho Richard "Counsel" Sprague is one of eight defense attorneys in the Philadelphia Abscam case [#219, SFC 7/11].... John Hart Ely, who was a junior Warren Commission staffer before serving as Warren's law clerk, has written a book, "Democracy and Distrust," which says nice things about the Warren Court. Right-wingy reviewer Joseph Sobran, who loved the book, describes Ely as a "rakishly handsome young Harvard Law prof." You didn't expect him to end up with a career of foreclosing on widows and orphans, did you!? [#220, National Review 7/11, 2 pp.] ... The law firm of WC bigshot Albert Jenner will get $92.5 million for winning a $1.2 billion antitrust judgment for MCI Communications against AT&T - nice going, Al. He won't be pressing any suits at the corner laundry, that's for sure [#221, UP/SFC, 7/12] ... Jenner was also prominent in the platform fight at the Republican convention, trying to defeat the plank calling for anti-abortion judges [#222, SFC 7/15] ... Same date, same page: AP reported that a second pick for veep was unlikely for retiring Senator Richard Schweiker. No prediction of whether the Senator will become a full-time assassination buff.... Let's keep the gossip grapevine going, Earwigs.

* The Blakey-Billings book: According to the full-page description in the Times Books fall list [#223], the book is scheduled for November (320 pp., $12.95). The title is "The Plot to Kill the President;" the cover says "Organized Crime Assassinated JFK. The Definitive Story." Of course, we have to take catalog copy with a grain of salt, but the book is said to go "far beyond the Committee's report, ... presenting information [it] could not include.... Blakey and Billings vividly portray the men and motives that met at Dealey Plaza that November afternoon, when some of the key actors in the tragic drama were thousands of miles away.... Finally we can know not just who shot President Kennedy but who really killed him and why."

Other book news: Times Books will also publish a book by Ovid Demaris on Mafia songbird Jimmy Frattiano.

George O'Toole has written an "annotated novel" on the Lincoln assassination, "The Cosgrove Report." (Rawson-Wade, $12.95, by "G.J.A. O'Toole.")

When I was visiting Harold Weisberg in Frederick, I saw Mark Felt's book, "The FBI Pyramid," prominently displayed at the local B. Dalton's. I noticed that a few short words had been deleted by hand (in the individual copies) near the end. I didn't buy the book, and when I checked in Charlottesville a week or two later,

it was no longer being stocked by B. Dalton's. Has anyone out there read this book? Can anyone explain the deletions?

Kennedy material for sale: I have received an 8-page list of available material from M & A Bookdealers, 2120 Speight Ave., Waco TX 76706. Included are books, newspapers, magazines, audio tapes, and films. Some items are aimed at collectors, rather than researchers, and are a bit pricey (such as old newspapers); other items are reasonably priced ("Inquest" in paper for a buck). If you send a stamped envelope, I'm sure they'll send you the list. [#224]

Thought for the day: Bob Ranftel wonders if the benefit we get from working on the case is finding out which of our friends are close enough to be trusted with our secrets. Hmm.

* Where are they now, continued: the missing MLK footnotes:

As previously noted, the published HSC Report does not include the citations for footnotes 37 through 290 of Section II.B. [Compare p. 655 and pp. 335-370.] The affected material is most of the text explaining the Committee's finding that "there is a likelihood" that Ray killed King as a result of a conspiracy, and includes all of sections 5 and 6 (the Ray brothers, including the relevant part of the Raoul story, and evidence of a conspiracy in St. Louis.) Tom Bethell focused on these missing footnotes in his negative review of the HSC report. (New Republic, 9/22/79 [11/29/79 list, #20])

Over the past few months, I've been writing to some of the members of the Committee, in part just to see how they respond to citizen letters. I have asked about the availability of various HSC material, including the JFK investigative plan and the missing MLK footnotes. Rep. Devine forwarded my letter to Blakey, and quoted his reply to me. Of course, the investigative plan and the list of executive-session witnesses are in the files, not available for public distribution without a resolution of the House. Here's the word on the MLK footnotes:

"Unfortunately, the missing footnotes in the King section of the Final Report were destroyed. They were given to the printer when the Report was printed. For reasons that I have never been able to figure out, they were not set in type and our proofreaders missed that they were omitted. We did not catch the mistake until the Report had been printed, and when we went to retrieve them, we found that the original copy and galleys had been thrown away the day before."

This is just a guess, but it seems likely to me that this situation is the basis for the peculiar statement in the letter of 12/12/79 from Keuch of the JD to Stokes (#1980.25). Keuch wrote that "We regret the delay in commencing review of the Committee's findings, which delay was caused by the Department's inability to obtain a complete copy of the Committee's report." The trouble with this guess is that Keuch then said "We expect to proceed promptly now that all necessary materials are in our possession," while Blakey's letter did not indicate that the missing footnotes had been recreated. [Devine's letter: #225]

* The Wheels of Justice: On 4/21/80 I wrote Robert Keuch, Special Counsel to the AG and signer of the letter to Stokes (just discussed). I made two specific suggestions for checking out the destroyed Army Intelligence files: look in the files of agencies which had liaison with the Army, and check the files of the General Counsel's office in the Defense Department to see why the Warren Commission was told, falsely, that all Oswald material had already been turned over. I also suggested that it should not be too difficult to find out who was detailed from military intelligence to the Secret Service on 11/22 in Dallas. Not a spectacular letter, but not bad; I wanted to see how the JD would react to volunteered material in a sensitive area other than the acoustics and organized crime. I said I would be glad to discuss this further, or to meet with someone in the Department, if possible.

There was no reply for about three months; the reply, dated July 22, was drafted by "JIF" and signed by Lawrence Lippe (Chief of the General Litigation and Legal Advice Section) for Philip Heymann (Assistant AG - Criminal Division). I was told that my letter had been referred to the Criminal Division and to the FBI. My offer

to meet with them "is appreciated," but basically it's 'don't call us, we'll call you.'

The last paragraph of this JD letter is mildly interesting: "The [JD] will release a public report to Congress at the conclusion of its investigation into the death of John F. Kennedy. The submission of all relevant information in your possession will assist us in completing our review of the HSCA report. Your cooperation in this matter of mutual concern is appreciated." The first sentence is, to the best of my recollection, the first official indication that the JD has accepted the HSCA's recommendation of a report to the Judiciary Committee (HSC Report, p. 481). Of course, talk of a public report makes it seem less likely that they will recommend further investigation or prosecution.

I would assume that the call for the submission of relevant information is pro forma, given the Department's apparent lack of interest in talking to the critics. Still, I suppose that any of us who have written about the HSC report ought to send copies to the Department.

[My letter (2 pp.) is #226; the JD reply is #227. For Blakey's charge that the JD is dragging its heels, and the JD denial, see #210, 213 supra.]

Hemming and Hawing: It's quite possible to take Jerry Patrick Hemming very seriously as part of a disinformation phenomenon, even if you feel (as I do) that it's a waste of time to try to figure out which part of his story (if any) can be taken seriously. I can make available the version of the story he told Burt Griffin (!), as a walk-in, in April 1978. [#228, 12 pp.] Hemming talks about meeting Oswald (twice), Ruby, and various other interesting people. Griffin, who naturally does not seem very familiar with the factual background in such areas, concluded that Hemming "has considerable capacity for self-deception."

The HSC paid $2,714 to a consultant on "methodology." I wonder what they got for their money? Hopefully, some good ideas on handling all the strange stories which came in, and on dealing with people like Hemming.

More on the Raleigh call, Blakey, Summers, and Marchetti:

The next 4 items are by Grover Proctor, of the Raleigh Spectator. The first appeared in the issue dated July 17, 1980, and the others in the issue of July 24.

✓ ** 229. [4 pp.] "The Phone Call that Never Was: Evidence in new book brings mystery to Raleigh" (Nominally a review of 'Conspiracy.')

✓ *** 230. [2 pp.] "Chief Counsel Names Assassins: 'They Killed My President'"

✓ ** 231. [2 pp.] [More on] "Oswald's Raleigh Call"

✓ ** 232. [2 pp.] Two excerpts from an interview of Marchetti re Hurt call, Bishop, etc.

The first article is enthusiastic about the Summers book, less so about the story of the call. There are summaries of Phillips' comments on 'Today,' and of the basic evidence about the Hurt call. The negative opinions of Hoch and Fensterwald are noted at some length. Proctor interviewed Hurt, who denied placing or receiving a call.

Item #230 reports on a long conversation between Proctor and Blakey, on matters other than the Hurt call. This could be a useful preview of Blakey's book. "The problem I have with Tony's book ... is his perspective is slightly left of center, as a European intellectual.... [His] preferences were to find an Agency involvement." (Hey, one problem I had with the HSCA was that its perspective was slightly right of left of center.) Blakey feels that, given the evidence of a Mafia conspiracy, bringing in other elements (such as intelligence involvement) unnecessarily complicates the hypothesis. He insisted that when you look at the evidence "from the inside, from the kind of perspective Summers couldn't get," you learn that the intelligence angle "does not merit such attention." (This, by the way, is the position I characterized earlier as "I'm G. Robert Blakey and you're not.") Does the HSC's expressed concern about the destruction of the Army file on Oswald just reflect unhappiness with the way the Defense Department treated the Committee, or is it, as it appears to be, an appropriate and even understated response to the evidence? I guess we'll see in Blakey's book.

Blakey spells out his theory of the assassination a bit. "Marcello himself may be perfectly innocent," says Blakey, implying that the infamous Sicilian curse

was, Henry-II-like, picked up by his underlings. On the basis of Oswald's known associates, Blakey suggests that the second gunman was probably a Latin male, aged 25 to 35, from New Orleans or Miami.

Blakey has no doubt that Oswald did it, according to his comments to Proctor. Summers' argument (citing an alibi witness) that he was not on the sixth floor is "foolishness;" Blakey, who is certainly a lawyer, cites the "best evidence" - the sniper's nest evidence, for example.

In #231, Proctor now seems to take the Raleigh call more seriously - in large part because Blakey and Marchetti do. Blakey is quoted as saying "The call apparently is real and it goes out; it does not come in." His bottom line: "disturbing but ultimately inconclusive." I guess Occam's razor cuts different ways for different people; I think the hypothesis of an incoming crank call and an error in picking a slip of paper out of a trash can is the "simplest" one.

Proctor has found that, contrary to the unpublished HSCA staff report (which he discusses), the two phone numbers in question, for the two John Hurts in Raleigh, were both listed. Unlisted or listed, I think the involvement of two John Hurts is more of a problem for any hypothesis that assumes Oswald was trying to reach someone than for a hypothesis like mine.

Bolden's credibility is not high, but his claim that the Secret Service was checking out a name like Hurt is a reminder that if there was an incoming crank call, a record of it may well have reached the Secret Service. Someone who is more interested in this matter than I should check this angle out.

Item #232 reports Marchetti's belief that Oswald "was probably calling his cutout." My present impression is that Marchetti is in the habit of presenting his opinions and deductions as fact. He thinks that renegade CIA agents were probably involved in the assassination. He also claims to know who Morris Bishop is, and that he isn't Phillips, but he won't say who he is.

<u>More clippings:</u>

233. May 1978 Gallery [5 pp.] Jerry Bowles on "Money, the Mob, and [Al] Malnik" (alleged Lansky protege)

** 234. Mid-May 1980 WP [2 pp.] G. Chaplin on Irving Davidson. Interesting even if you doubt that Davidson and his friends have anything to do with the assassination.

235. 29 Jun 80 Hartford Courant (in TCI 7/22) Favorable review of Summers' book by George Michael Evica, who is said to be "presently writing a long study of Jack Ruby and the plots against Fidel Castro." Evica would have liked to see more on those topics in Tony's book.

236. 6 Jul 80 DMN (in TCI 7/22) Review of Summers by Earl Golz; favorable.

* 237. 5 Jul 80 DMN (in TCI 7/22) "Oswald's captor [McDonald] hanging up his badge" (The man who pointed Oswald out to him remains a mystery.)

238. 22 Jul 80 AP in NY Daily News; "Carter hits campaign trail in Dallas." The inevitable photo of the motorcade passing the TSBD; the caption doesn't mention the second gunman.

239. 30 Jul 80 B. Hayden (Gannett/Oakland Trib); routine review/commentary on CBS's "Four Days in Dallas," originally (1978) "Oswald and Ruby."

240. 30 Jul 80 WStar; "Ex-CIA agent [Terpil] facing trial in case related to Libya"

241. 30 Jul 80 WP; editorial and item on nondisclosure-of-CIA-names bill.

242. 7/31 & 8/1 NYT; Mohr article and editorial on same subject.

** 243. 31 Jul 80 Article (Frederick Post) and short Jack Anderson item (WP) on the FBI's decision not to continue giving Harold Weisberg free copies of material being released on the JFK and MLK cases. Noting Harold's health problem, Anderson says "Thumbing its nose at a federal judge's decision, the FBI has effectively denied access to its [JFK and MLK] files ... to a respected critic of the Warren Commission."

244. 1 Aug 80 WS "Billy told of meeting arms dealer" (Terpil)

245. 7 Aug 80 WP (J. Anderson) Rep. Myers (Abscam tapes) on dealing with the Mafia.

* 246. 11 Aug 80 Newsweek; Dave Martin on attempts at redress by CIA people purged in the great mole hunt.

[Thanks to M. Ewing (#234, 240, 244, 245); B. Ranftel (#238); CPR (#240-1); H. Weisberg (#243), and G. Proctor (#229-232). Keep those cards & letters coming!]

Josephine Wertheim Pomerance, who died on July 15 at her home in Cos Cob, Connecticut, after a long illness, was known primarily as a leader in the world peace and anti-nuclear-weapons movement, and as a consultant to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. She was also a serious student of the Kennedy assassination, who by her writings (notably in The Nation), organizational work, and philanthropy played a significant role in the successful campaign for a Congressional investigation of the case. Those of us who came to know her through this work will miss her both as a colleague and as a friend.

[PDS & PLH]

Still more clippings: These are from part (a) of the Ted Rubinstein collection, as described in the 4/14/80 newsletter, p. 4. This section includes material on a range of topics; the JFK and MLK cases, and organized crime, are in other sections.

247. ? Joe Goulden in DMN [3 pp.] Goulden's adventures in the mercenary-recruitment underground.

248. 20 Mar 74 Frank Capell, in the Birch Society Review of the News [6 pp.] "The Kissinger Caper." Was Henry the K really KGB? Includes mention of okay for Oswald's return from Russia, allegedly given by Klosson.

* 249. Oct. 1979 David Phillips. in The Washingtonian [4 pp.] A surprisingly moderate review of the Wyden and Powers books.

250. 12 Oct 79 Times-Tribune (?) [2 pp.] On Privacy/FOIA laws; some interesting statistics. (Less than 1% of the FBI's requests are from scholars.)

* 251. 30 Oct 79 AP on Eudey-CIA FOIA suit; fee waiver required if public benefits.

252. 3 Nov 79 UPI in LAT, on Cubans in Puerto Rico (Omega 7, violence, etc.)

* 253. 5 Nov 79 WP; "Movie scripts on Malcolm X interested FBI"; 2300 pp. released.

* 254. 11 Nov 79 Si Dunn in DMN; review of Wm. Sullivan's book; quotes a bit on LHO.

255. 16 Nov 79 D. Ignatius review (WSJ) of D. Davis book on Katherine Graham and the WP. Of interest to libel buffs; looks like recklessness to me.

* 256. 24 Nov 79 UPI; "Khomeini was Russ agent, ex-espionage chief claims." That's Goleniewski, who told Angleton (long ago), supposedly. G's memoirs were expected to be published in about six months.

257. 2 Dec 79 AP; "Iran says hostage admits CIA role"; text of cable with reference to "SRF coverage."

* 258. 10 Dec 79 James Coates (Chicago Tribune) [2 pp.] "CIA's Manhattan 'tests': Experiments on New Yorkers?" Weird stuff!

* 259. 12 Dec 79 Jim Drinkhall (WSJ) "A Reporter's Tale: Aftermath of Article on [questionable tactics of] U.S. Prosecutors; Official Apparently Attempts To Prove That Journalist Took a Payoff to Do Story." Who watches the watchers? And who watches those who watch the watchers?

260. 17 Dec 79 "Report suggests CIA involvement in Florida Illnesses" (1955 tests)

261. Jan. 80 Jeff Goldberg (not ours) in High Times: "Ex-CIA Doc Leads Fight to Limit Hypnosis." Interesting.

* 262. Jan. 80 Marty Lee (ours) in High Times on CIA gas-chamber tests in '50's.

263. 1 Jan 80 NYT [2 pp.] "World Gun Ring Reported Found with Arrest of 2" (Frank Terpil, ex-CIA agent, and George Korkala.)

* 264. 7 Jan 80 WP [2 pp.] on Terpil case; WerBell comes up.

265. 11 Jan 80 NYT; Terpil "remains an enigma."

* 266. 11 Jan 80 Ivan Goldman (former WP reporter); "Pack up your troubles in the handy 'conspiracy' bag." A very silly column; mere facts won't change his mind. "Well-meaning people view the photos of Sirhan Sirhan shooting [RFK] at point-blank range and then swear Sirhan didn't do it." And I thought Groden saw more in photos than most people!

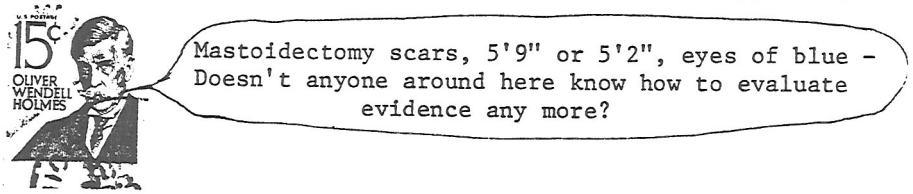
* 267. 12 Jan 80 AP; " FBI Told to Halt [Field Office] Files' Destruction." Score one for our side.

268. 18 Jan 80 WP editorial in favor of this decision on FBI files (Judge Greene)

269. 24 Jan 80 Lardner (WP) "Senate panel seeking to cut public access to CIA data"
270. 3 Feb 80 Ed Bark (DMN) [3 pp.] "Life with the fast Lane" (Mark, that is.) As sympathetic as possible, given the subject.
271. 3 Feb 80 Review by K. Wooden, in "Book World" (Chicago Tribune?) "The strongest poison is Mark Lane. Both he and the book are an affront to any informed person." [2 pp.]
272. 3 Feb 80 St. Louis P-D [3 pp.] "Washington Bomb Plot: Justice Foiled." The basic story of the Letelier-Moffitt case, by Michael Moffitt.
273. 4 Feb 80 Jack Anderson (WP) "FBI smear tactics [against Dingell, Seigenthaler, et al.] in Silkwood case"
274. 4 Feb 80 C. Krause on a Jonestown-like colony (with Nazis) in Chile [3 pp.]
* 275. 17 Feb 80 Rudy Maxa (WP) on A. J. Woolston-Smith, "the low-profile NY private eye who predicted the Watergate break-in." [2 pp.] Interesting questions, unfortunately not answered here.
276. 19 Feb 80 WP [2 pp.] Amusing piece on the CIA's Camp Peary ("the farm").
* 277. 21 Feb 80 UPI [2 pp.] "Ryan aide [Holsinger] says CIA permitted trip" to go on, rather than disclose a secret intelligence operation in Guyana.
* 278. 21 Feb 80 Berkeley Barb [2 pp.] "US Army passes lethal gas over SF" in 1950.
* 279. 21 Feb 80 Barb [2 pp.] "CIA tests ethnic weapon in Florida" (in 1955)
280. 24 Feb 80 LAT; review of Mark Felt's book; doesn't sound very interesting.
281. Mar-Apr 80 CovertAction [4 pp.] "Attacks against Agee escalate"
282. Mar-Apr 80 CovertAction [3 pp.] "CIA Assassinations"
* 283. 1 Mar 80 AP; Wm Cregar (ex-FBI) comments on KGB, etc.; thinks Angleton's mole hunt was justified.
284. 3 Mar 80 Garry Wills column: "New Shame for the FBI" (Klan bombing case)
285. 3 Mar 80 NYT [4 pp.] "'Highest Priority' given by US to capture of anti-Castro group" (Omega 7).
286. 12 Mar 80 Sacto. Union "Prof links mob to Nixon, Carter." Not Peter Scott-Wm. Chambliss of the University of Delaware.
287. 21 Mar 80 DMN; re threats to officials from a couple of apparent nuts; one claimed to be Mafia-trained and after Carter, Kennedy, Marcello, and Phillip [not Vernon!] Jordan, otherwise unidentified.
288. 24 Mar 80 New West [8 pp.] "The strange history and curious persecution of Lyndon LaRouche and the U.S. Labor Party...." Weird.
* 289. 24 Mar 80 John Roche column, "Conspiracy theories." He's just as silly and nasty as when he was LBJ's house intellectual; maybe worse.

[A few oldies from Pat Lambert, all from the LA Times:]

* 290. 25 Jul 79 On Carter speech, linking national malaise to the assassinations [2 pp.]
291. 8-9 Aug 79 [2 pp.] Re LEIU, LA Police, and Linda Valentino
292. 9 Aug 79 Re Senate staff report on foreign intelligence activities in U.S.[2 pp.]
293. Aug 79? Column by Jane Fonda; mentions FBI's actions against her.

<u>Even more clippings (just arrived):</u>

* 294. 10 Aug 70 Parade; cover photo (suitable for framing?) plus 3 pp. by Jack Anderson on "The man they call America's #1 Mobster" (Marcello). [From BR]
* 295. 15 Aug 80 SF Chronicle "[Petty-Eddowes secret] Plan to Dig Up Oswald Blocked at Last Minute [by Robert Oswald]" From the Dallas Times-Herald; fairly thorough (but the HSCA rebuttal is not mentioned).
296. 15 Aug 80 Oakland Tribune; a short piece from various wire reports; typical of the coverage (front page!) given to this malicious nonsense. If the dental records match, won't Eddowes claim the KGB changed them too, like the fingerprint records? Even more irritating than Eddowes is the press coverage; in Dallas, this is a legitimate story, but why all the national attention? Is this just the "Lincoln's doctor's dog" story of this era, or is the Soviet-menace angle what makes it so appealing?